

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 413

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee County Commissioners Association.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty years as the Executive Director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dandridge and a graduate of the University of Tennessee with his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Doug Goddard spent many years operating a family dairy and beef farm in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, at only twenty-three years of age, Mr. Goddard led a company of 170 men as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Commander during a tour of duty in Vietnam; he also served in the military as a Second Lieutenant, Assistant Professor in the Military Science Department of Louisiana State University, and Operations Officer for the Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, as well as standing as an honor graduate of his Infantry Officers Basic Course; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Goddard was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain, having earned the Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge; and

WHEREAS, before accepting his current position in 1987, Mr. Goddard served from 1978 to 1986 as the County Executive of Jefferson County, where he also served as the Secretary of the Farm Bureau Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard proudly served his State as member of the Basic Education Program Review Committee, the Tennessee Job Training Coordinating Council, the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Executive Committee of the East Tennessee Development District; and

WHEREAS, a keen leader, Mr. Goddard served as the Chairman of many organizations, including the State Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the East Tennessee Development District, the Jefferson County Legislative Body, the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services Board, and the Jefferson County Nursing Home Board; Co-Chair of the Governor's Solid Waste Roundtable; he also served as the President of the Tennessee County Executives Association and of the Areawide Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to faithfully serving the government for many years, Mr. Goddard has also demonstrated a passion for and commitment to his community through his involvement in the Dandridge Lions Club, which he served as President; the Dandridge Parent Teacher Association, which he served as President; and the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, which he served as a leader and is himself an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard is an active and devout member of the Dandridge First United Methodist Church, where he has served as a Sunday School teacher and a certified lay speaker; and

WHEREAS, Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-seven years, Caroline Walls Goddard, and his children, Paul Douglass Goddard III, Mary Catherine Goddard, and Benjamin Wallis Goddard; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, Mr. Goddard demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity through his estimable career, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of both his colleagues and the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Paul Goddard, upon his retirement for his dedication and many years of service to this nation, to the State of Tennessee, and to its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., for his honorable and meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.